

Minutes of the December 21, 2009 Council Meeting

Call to Order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Devotions: Lead by Pastor Colleen Cox.

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None.

Congregation/Member Open Floor: T. Ebersole discussed the 2010 DRAFT 3 Budget.

Presentation of Last Month's Minutes: Amended, then a motion was made, seconded, and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

Presentation of Reports: S. Taylor's and C. Cox's reports were presented.

The Financial Secretary's Report was presented, a motion was made, seconded, and the report was approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented that included a deficit for November was presented. A motion was made, seconded, and the report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Council Vacancy:** A candidate is considering the position.
2. **Council Retreat Report:** S. Taylor reported that the retreat went very well.
3. **Building Expansion Update:** LCR is tentatively on the Lower Makefield Township Board of Supervisor's agenda for January 20, 2010.
4. **Stewardship Report:** G. Patay reported that there are 20 more pledges than there were in 2008, but that the total dollars pledged is within \$2,000.00 of the amount pledged in 2008. This is due to a reduction in some of the amounts pledged. There will be a follow-up letter sent to members who haven't pledged yet.
5. **Financial Committee/Budget DRAFT 3:** The proposed budget was amended with a \$2,000.00 increase to the Council Discretionary Project A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to affirm the proposed budget and to present it to the congregation at the Winter Congregational Meeting.
6. **Winter Congregational Meeting Agenda:** The agenda was presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda.
7. **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee is complete. The members of the committee are: F. Ehernfeld III; P. Rensner; J. Scott; B; Radvan and B. Shephard.
8. **SEPA Synod Representatives:** Interest was expressed by two ladies to be LCR's representatives. However the representatives must be one each lady, gentleman, and youth. Therefore LCR needs a gentleman and youth representative. This also means that one of the ladies cannot attend.
9. **Office Manager/HR:** The Human Resources Committee will begin looking for a replacement for the office manager.
10. **Diakon FHS Update:** An Executive Session was called at 8:50PM, and an update was given by F. Eherenfeld III.
11. **Other:** LCR is reviewing the contract for building use with Oasis for the intent of renewing the contract that LCR has with them.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **LCR Sign-up Announcements:** The sign-up sheet was passed around.
2. **Miscellaneous December (Year-End) Requirements:** F. Eherenfeld III informed Council that he will start the search for two additional Audit Committee members.
3. **Staff Christmas Gifts:** During the Executive Session, the Staff Christmas Gifts were discussed, and a Council member volunteered to organize the project.
4. **Initial Planning 01/31:** The details of the Initial Planning were discussed during the Executive Session.
5. **Other:** Constitution and By-Laws Update: LCR's Constitution and By-Laws need to be amended in order to meet the requirements of the ELCA Model Constitution and the Synod procedures for amending both documents. If Council approves them, then the amended documents will be presented to the congregation for approval at the 2010 Winter Congregational Meeting. If the congregation approves the documents, then they would be ratified at the 2010 Spring Congregational Meeting.
6. **Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests were taken.
7. **Meeting Adjournment:** Prayers were said. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:12PM.